

Environmentally Speaking



New Environmental Products and Services Guide

The Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration, is pleased to announce the fifth edition of its environmental publication, now entitled: Environmental Products and Services Guide (EPSG).

Introduced in 1991 as the Recycled Products Guide, the publication has come a long way. In 1994 the scope was expanded to include products and services that relate to energy and water conservation, and that address pollution prevention concerns. Then entitled the Environmental Products Guide, the scope also expanded to include all the various methods of supply that are used to make these products and services available to the Federal community.

This new title reflects our intention to better recognize available environmental producers, and draw attention to the increased coverage of the many environmental services that are now under contract.

Another new development is the fact that this edition is the first major GSA publication to be designed mainly for an electronic application. To view the new EPSG, click on our newly updated and completely renovated Environmental Home Page –

<http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/environ>

Discontinuing the more than one hundred thousand hard copy distributions represents a tremendous cost and paper savings, and is a demonstration of the commitment and environmental leadership of FSS. A limited number of hard copies, however, are available for those customers who are unable to access the internet, and, therefore, our web site referenced above.

All addressees on the mailing list received, instead, a post card that announced the change and provided guidance on how to access the electronic version, via the address above, or obtain a hard copy, if needed. A follow-up survey also was sent to assess the impact of designing the EPSG and, possibly, other GSA publications in the future mainly for electronic application.



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GSA has responded to these requirements by consulting with manufacturers regarding suitable product replacement, and by modifying or eliminating non-compliant Federal Specifications and Commercial Item Descriptions. In addition, GSA has compiled a cross-reference referral for identifying suitable low-VOC replacements for high-VOC paints. This reference can be accessed on the Federal Supply Service Hardware and Appliance Center Environmental Services website at: http://r6.gsa.gov/hac/envIRON_main.htm

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